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Message from the Director

As autumn arrives and the days get shorter , NDS is reorganizing both staff and business processes in order to make our development reviews shorter . Staff is aiming to meet a 10-day turn around on plan reviews, hoping that the community can take advantage of competitive construction costs on their home and business renovations. We're also working on an inspection process to ensure the safe installation of electric/plug-in vehicle chargers...stay tuned for more!

Jim

James E. Tolbert, AICP

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NDS Mission:

To sustain a high quality of life for the Charlottesville community through progressive customer service, planning, engineering and code enforcement.

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Planning Commission Update and Upcoming Sessions

Items from Tuesday September 14, 2010

4:30 PM -- Planning Commission Agenda Review
5:30 PM -- Planning Commission Regular Meeting Items:
2010 Annual meeting (Officer Elections)
Special Use Permit – 850 Estes Street
Text Amendments – Driveways and Conservation Districts
Designation of Martha Jefferson Conservation District

Upcoming Planning Commission Work Sessions

October 26 – Water Resource Protection Program presentation & work plan discussion – Critical Slopes & Mixed Use Matrix Housekeeping

November 23 – Capital Improvement Program & Entrance Corridor Guidelines

December 28 – No meeting

Planning Commission

*Meets on the second
Tuesday of each month*

Future Planning Commission Agenda items

Text Amendment– Private Liquor store use
Rezoning – 1006 Linden Avenue,
110 Summit Street (for Fontaine Fire Station),
Eton PUD
Slope Waiver – 1904 Emmet Street – Kroger Expansion

Planning Commissioner Appointed

City Council appointed **Lisa D. Green** of Chestnut Street in the City. Ms. Green graduated from Muscle Shoals Community College with an A. A. S. in Drafting and Design Technology in May of 1992. According to her application, she has served or volunteered with the Virginia Association of Zoning Officials, the Virginia Citizens Planning Association, the Virginia Board of Zoning Appeals, the Virginia Zoning Officials Education Committee, and the Belmont Neighborhood Association. Ms. Green replaces Bill Emory on the Planning Commission who recently left the board prior to his term expiring.

Board of Architectural Review (BAR) Recent News

Approved:

- Recommended Martha Jefferson Hist Cons District
- New Construction World Strides 218 W Water Street
- New Residential Addition 410 Altamont Circle
- Paint Color (Angelo's) 220 E Main
- New Windows McGuffey Condos Units 205D & 207D
- New Roofs 125 & 150 Chancellor Street
- Recommended Design (New SRO) 401 4th St NW
- Solar Array 222 South Street (Blue Moon Fund)
- Extend Fraternity Deck 600 Preston Place
- Replace Roof; Remove Additions 610 Lyons Court
- Change Window to Door 320 E Main Street
- UVA Battle Building 1204 W Main Street
- Addition to First Church of Christ Scientist
1618 Gordon Ave
- New Residential Addition 301 5th Street SW
- New Door; Uncover Windows STOA 134 10th St NW
- Change Windows ECO Remod 608 Ridge Street

- Projecting Sign 219 W Main Street
- Alter The Terraces Steps 105 1st Street South
- West Main Street Plan by LPDA for City
- 601 Park St (Comyn Hall) Renovations and Parking
- 180 Rugby Rd Fraternity Renovations
- 109 E Jefferson St Demo of Rear Dependency
- 218 W Market The Livery Stable Restaurant and Bar
- 217 W High Street Residential Renovations
- 1512 E Market Street Timberlake PUD New Bldgs

Deferred:

- Replace windows 39 University unit #3
- Artistic Bike Racks at Jeff-Mad Regional Library
- 225 E Jefferson Street Replace Windows
- 422 E Main Street A&N Renovations

Preliminary Discussions:

- New Studio 5 Gildersleeve Wood
- 109 E Jefferson Parking and Site Work

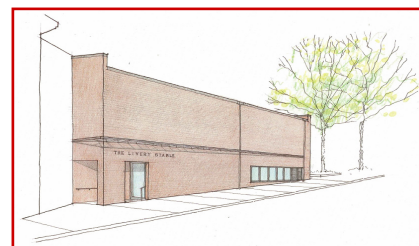
BAR

Meets on the third Tuesday of each month

For actions on specific applications, please go to

BAR Past Agendas/Actions at

<http://www.charlottesville.org/Index.aspx?page=2305>



The Livery Stable on Old Preston Avenue

Property Maintenance

Are we ready for snow?



Starting in the winter of 2010-11 the enforcement of snow and ice removal from sidewalks and walkways will be handled by the City of Charlottesville Property Maintenance Inspectors. Charlottesville City Council approved changes to Section 28-25 (Removal of snow, sleet and ice from sidewalks) of the Code of Charlottesville. Owners, and/or occupants shall now have twenty-four (24) hours to remove snow, sleet and ice from the portion of sidewalks and walkways that front their properties. This change replaces the twelve (12) hours previously [allowed for removing snow/sleet/ice](#). Should inspectors find properties without cleared sidewalks and/or walkways, they will issue a twenty-four (24) hour warning by posting or hand delivering this notice to the occupant of the property. If the sidewalks and/or walkways are not cleared after the twenty-four (24) hour warning has been issued, a City hired contractor [will](#) clear the area and the cost of removal will be charged to the owner of the property.



Traffic Engineering

Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

Last March Harrisonburg citizens, elected officials and staff visited Davis, Sacramento and San Francisco California to study their bicycle infrastructure and culture. The trip was funded by the Voluntary Gas Tax Group, Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition, New Community Project, Davis Bicycles! and members of the Harrisonburg and Davis communities. Davis has been planning for bicycles since the 1960s and has been awarded “Platinum” status as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists.

On October 20th representatives from the Shenandoah Valley Bicycle Coalition will be visiting Charlottesville to share their experiences and observations from the trip. The meeting will be held at 7 PM in City Space.

Citywide Capital Improvements

The **Belmont Bridge Replacement** design process has begun with assistance from MMM Design Group. A community kick-off meeting will soon be scheduled to discuss the project's schedule and gather public input. The bridge has reached the end of its useful life and must be replaced. Design work begins as the City continues to look for construction funding.

Old Lynchburg Road Safety , Sidewalk & Drainage project in the Fry's Spring neighborhood is in the design phase. The current focus is on reaching public consensus on the sidewalk alignment south of Middleton Lane and the design of a potential storm water BMP facility on the Fry's Spring Beach Club property , needed to address water quality.

The new **Brandywine Drive sidewalk** project in the Greenbrier neighborhood provides an important connection between Hydraulic Road and Yorktown Drive. The work is 75 % complete and should be substantially finished in November.

The **Jefferson Park Avenue Bridge Replacement** project has been designed and advertised by the Virginia Department of Transportation. Bid openings are scheduled for November 17, 2010 and work is expected to start this winter.

A **proposed sidewalk along St. Clair Avenue** in the Locust Grove neighborhood is under design as part of a Safe Routes to School grant project. A solicitation for construction bids will be advertised this winter.

The southern termini of the **Hillsdale Drive connector road** is complete while work continues on the adjacent Whole Foods development.. Whole Foods is scheduled to open Fall 2011.



A **Design Public Hearing** for Hillsdale Drive Extended is scheduled for November 16, 2010 at the Senior Center on Pepsi Place. Informal plan review takes place between 4:30pm and 6:30pm. A formal public hearing begins at 6:30pm. For more information visit the project's website at www.hillsdaledrive.org

Outdoor Fires

As we embark into the autumn season with the crisp morning air and the beautiful foliage, one question seems to nag at us: What will I do with all of these leaves? Most rural communities allow residents to burn their leaves, however; open burning is specifically prohibited under section 12-32 of the City Code. The City is simply too densely populated and outdoor burning pollutes the air and poses a fire hazard.

There are several alternatives to burning that City residents can take part in. A well maintained compost bin is a perfect way dispose of your unwanted yard waste. Shredded leaves breakdown more quickly and when combined with yard clippings and fruit/vegetable peels, nutrient rich compost is achieved which is beneficial for both your plants and your wallet. More information about composting can be found at www.howtocompost.org

The City also offers up lose leaf and bagged leaf pick up. Details can be found on the Community page at www.charlottesville.org



Monte Vista/Azalea Park Trail Complete

A 10' (and variable width) trail has been constructed from Monte Vista Avenue to Azalea Park, including a connection to Mobile Lane. The pavement materials are varied in order to adapt to soil and drainage conditions.



NDS Staffing Reorganization



Congratulations to Patricia Carrington! She has been promoted from Housing Inspector to Deputy Code Official for Property Maintenance. Her new responsibilities include managing the City's proactive housing inspection program which includes working cooperatively with the University and the off-grounds housing areas. She will also supervise two housing inspectors.



Congratulations to Francis Vineyard! He has been promoted from Building Inspector to Deputy Code Official for Plans Review. His new responsibilities include reviewing plans for adherence to the Uniform Statewide Building Code for both commercial and residential construction and supervising two building inspectors.